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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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A RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control; to provide for membership; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the committee; and to provide for related matters.

WHEREAS, the erosion of Louisiana's coast line has been occurring for many years creating serious problems for the state and its people; and

WHEREAS, the dire consequences of the erosion of our coast line is recognized by this state and by the United States; and

WHEREAS, many factors have contributed to the erosion problem, including but not limited to the state's geography, industrial development of the coastal areas, and nature; and

WHEREAS, the situation has become critical; and

WHEREAS, a well designed plan must be developed and implemented to restore the coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, flooding in the state has been a serious problem throughout the history of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, flooding problems in the state are as diverse as the geography of the state; and

WHEREAS, a variety of solutions must be developed to control flooding whether it is caused by coastal flooding, riverine flooding, or flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, sources of adequate funding to implement plans to restore the coastal areas and to provide adequate flood control must be identified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates the Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control, consisting of seven members appointed by the president of the Senate, and the president shall designate a chairman and vice chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the jurisdiction of the committee shall include matters relating to:

- (1) tidelands
- (2) construction, improvements and maintenance of waterways, lakes, and streams in coastal parishes
- (3) facilities in connection with lakes, waterways, and streams in coastal parishes
- (4) flood and drainage projects in coastal parishes
- (5) levee districts in coastal parishes
- (6) public works in connection with construction, improvement, and maintenance of waterways, lakes, and streams in coastal parishes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall study all issues related to coastal restoration and flooding in coastal parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall meet as necessary to complete its study and shall have all the powers otherwise provided by law and by the Rules of Order of the Senate and all powers inherent in senate legislative committees, and that the members thereof shall receive the per diem and mileage provided for senate committees by the Rules of Order of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a written report of its findings to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the Senate prior to each Regular Session beginning in 2005, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES